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NEWS - VIEWS - PICTURES

Trenton Girl Returns



MISS KATHERINE GORDON of 72 Spring Street a 1938 graduate of Dunbar High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, sailed for Bermuda last month for an 18-day vacation. Included in the party were Dr. and Mrs. Mordcael Johnson president of Howard University and Bishop Sims of Philadelphia.

Boy's Story Breaks Near Perfect Crime

Police Hold Father When Son Tells of Beating He Gave Young Wife

The love of a six-year son for his mother who "he found sleeping" on Monday, solved what local police believe was designed to be the perfect crime and resulted in the arraignment of his aged father for the murder of the mother.

Monday afternoon William Webb, 41, who lived in the apartment with his father, Milton, 41, to report they had found the father's wife, Dorothy Brown Webb, 23, dead in the bed in their apartment at 106 Pennington Street.

Webb told police that his wife had come in about 6 A.M. Monday morning and went to bed. The next morning he sent his son to wake her up. The boy returned and said she was "asleep." Milton said he investigated and found she was dead and then summoned police and ambulance.

Police found the body of the woman partly clad and, although there were no bloodstains visible, City Hospital internists found she suffered an injury to the head. Puzzled, the police ordered an autopsy and Medical Examiner Martland found the woman had been struck with a blunt instrument.

Boy Breaks Case
Grilled for hours Monday by detectives headed by Sgt. Conlon of Homicide Squad, Webb stuck to his story about finding the body. Detectives questioning the son were startled when the boy declared:

"Papa says bating Mamma early this morning."

Confronted with the charge, Webb stuck to his story for several hours more. He finally broke down Monday night and confessed that he had committed the crime.

Webb told police he beat his wife, who had been away from the home since the previous afternoon, over the head with a pick handle early Monday morning following a quarrel. He struck her back with a heavy blow that the handle was bent. This occurred, he confessed, in the bedroom.

Police, who had been puzzled by the absence of bloodstains, discovered during the confession how the violence had been removed. The husband picked up the body and carried it to the kitchen. There he washed her face and removed the clothing. Coming back to the bed, he replaced the bed clothing with fresh clean linen. He then redressed the woman in clean clothing and replaced her in the bed. The pick handle he took down in the basement and pulled up the floor boards, buried the murder weapon. Coming back upstairs, he woke up his son and asked him to wake his mother. He had not counted on the son hearing the beating he administered.

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Collins Beats \$25,000 Auto Crash Suit

BOY'S STORY MAY SEND FATHER TO ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR MURDER

Grangers Will Continue To Share Office

DIVORCE WON'T MAR PRACTICE SAYS GRANGER

Wife Drafts Answer to Action Brought by Husband Last Week

NEW YORK, April 26—Dr. Isabella Granger, physician wife of Dr. R. R. Granger, made known to a reporter of this paper this week, that she has nothing to say at the present time concerning the divorce action taken by her husband last week. Dr. Granger stated she had nothing for publication this week, but would have her papers ready by next week.

Dr. Granger however stated with a firm determination that she would not be ousted from the office, which they have been sharing jointly, at the Granger home address, 398 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn.

Dr. Isabella Granger finished at the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women in 1915. Her husband completed his medical training at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1917. Both have been practicing in Brooklyn for about 20 years.

Besides her other duties, Dr. Granger is in charge of the birth control clinic of the Birth Control League of America, at 202 West 136th Street, Manhattan.

The Grangers are a well known family in New Jersey professional and social circles.

Goes To Court Friday



MRS. DOROTHY V. CARPENTER, wife of Dr. William J. Carpenter who will oppose her husband's effort to annul their marriage in Chancery Court Friday.

Harmony Prevails In Pilgrim Congregation

There is no split among the membership of the Pilgrim Baptist Church it was definitely learned by the Herald News this week. This investigation was made as a result of certain elements in the community, who leaders of the church claim are antagonistic, giving an interpretation that a split existed.

The facts of the situation are as follows, leaders say: A suggestion was made that Pilgrim Church merge with the Epilephem Baptist Church but the suggestion has never gone beyond the stage of discussion.

It has not been officially acted upon by the officers of Pilgrim nor has it come before a church meeting for a vote. Until the membership of Pilgrim vote on the proposed merger, talk of a split on the matter cannot be taken as reliable.

In talking with church officials this week, it was learned that the church is making wonderful progress, and that harmony does prevail among the members.

Under the pastorate of Rev. S. A. Wilson the church has made wonderful advancement both spiritually and financially, during the past ninety days. Efforts to circulate the report of a split were branded as false and malicious without a very founded basis, however, by leaders here this week.

The two cases were tried together in the New Jersey Supreme Court, Essex County Circuit before Circuit Court Judge, Edward L. Caffrey and a Jury last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Polk and Edward Stone who were in Mrs. Ethel C. Collins' car, driven by her husband, Ira R. Collins, well-known Jersey City real estate broker, brought suit for damages against Collins' wife, owner of the car, against a white man by the name of Ray C. Collins, owner of a truck, which collided with Mrs. Collins' car on Route 29 early on the morning of October 11, 1936 as they were returning from a party at the Villa Cassanova, swanky night club in Scotch Plains.

Other parties testifying, were Mrs. Alice Huff, John Draughon, Mrs. Margaret Walker, Ira R. Collins and Dr. John A. Kenney, Chief of Police of the Community Hospital.

Oliver Randolph was the attorney for Mrs. Ethel C. Collins. The grand jury, called to return to Mrs. Polk's apartment for an after-dinner party and refreshments, it ended up, however, when the collision between Collins' car and the truck took place. Mrs. Polk and Stone were taken to the Community Hospital on West Kinney Street where they remained for eleven days.

MILITIA ATTENDS LEGISLATURE

TRENTON, Apr. 26—Dressed in military uniforms, prominent officers and members of the New Jersey Separate Battalion met at the State Capitol Monday night in the interest of legislation for that military unit.

They talked with Senator Zink, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee and Assemblyman Palesse, Chairman of the Assembly Appropriation Committee and Governor Moore and Brigadier General Barlow and others in the department. Assemblyman Hargrave, the only colored member of the Legislature, will see his representatives in Congress to get an appropriation for the Battalion for this fiscal year. Friends of the Battalion are also making an effort to have the Battalion federalized.

FAMOUS CASE TO GET 1ST TEST IN COURT FRI.

Dr. Carpenter Seeks to Annul Marriage In Latest Move

JERSEY CITY—The sensational Carpenter divorce case will get its first airing in court on Friday morning at 10 o'clock when Dr. William J. Carpenter appears before an Advisory Master in Chancery Court in an effort to amend his original petition.

In this latest legal move the local dentist seeks to change the cause of action from desertion to that of an annulment of his marriage to his charming wife Dorothy V. Carpenter.

In his motion to amend Dr. Carpenter alleges that the defendant was married at the time they were joined in wedlock at Upper Merionide, Pa., on August 2, 1933.

In an answering affidavit filed last week Mrs. Carpenter admits a former marriage but denies she was wedded at the time of her marriage to her present husband. She charges further that she received her divorce in Hastings County of Petersburg, Va., on July 26, 1933 and that Dr. Carpenter not only had knowledge of the action but it was through his procurement that the divorce was obtained.

Dr. Carpenter entered suit against his wife on March 25, charging that she deserted him in January, 1937.

In a sensational counter claim, Mrs. Carpenter denied that she deserted her husband but that she separated from her husband on February 16, 1939 for the following reasons "that during the entire term of her married life to the petitioner, the petitioner called her wife names unfit to mention and that during the long course of abuse to which she was subjected."

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Believe Terror Reign Smashed

Terror stricken parents of colored children in the Third Ward may live without fear of the vision of their little boys and girls being outraged by a sex maniac who has been operating in the neighborhood for the past year.

The friend, James Bolden, 24, of 115 Wickliffe Street, Newark, supplied Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock with a 7-year-old boy in a cellar at 235 Broom Street, but detectives Williams, Petroll, Cox and Hull of the Fourth Precinct.

At the precinct Bolden talked freely of his sordid acts during the past year during which time he admitted committing sodomy with twelve boys and raping six girls. The oldest of his victims was 11 years of age. Bolden also confessed to be suffering from a venereal disease. In the lineup at the Fourth Precinct Bolden was readily identified by four of his youthful victims.

Bolden said he would turn his victims into a cellar by offering them money to help move boxes or bottles and then would commit his nefarious acts. He used two soldiers to operate at 235 Broom Street and 107 Howard Street. He was surprised once by a woman at the Howard Street address while in the act.

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New Jersey To Greet 25 Million Fair Guests

HOTEL OWNERS SEEK TO BLOCK NEW CIVIL BILL

TRENTON, April 26—The Survey inspired bill to amend the Civil Rights Law, giving the aggrieved party discriminated against on account of race or color the right to sue and collect damages in his own name, met with its first opposition in the Legislature here Monday night.

Strong opposition, headed by the Atlantic City Hotel Owners Association has succeeded in delaying legislative action on the bill until Monday, May 8th. The Association requested a hearing on the bill.

The present Civil Rights Law permits the aggrieved party to bring suit in the name of the state and whatever damages are awarded are turned over to the Overseer of the Poor. The amendment introduced by Assemblyman Frank S. Hargrave, of Orange, would permit persons aggrieved to sue and collect in their own names.

Hearing on the bill will begin at 11 a.m.

New York World's Fair Opens Sunday

TRENTON, April 26—With plans for the greatest cooperative promotion campaign in its history, New Jersey has started laying the "welcome mat" for at least 25 million New York World's Fair guests, who will pass through New Jersey enroute to the Fair, which opens April 30th.

To give you some idea of the size of the Fair, the Paris Fair was built on 250 acres, the Chicago Fair on 426 acres and now the New York World's Fair is built on 1200 acres.

The New York World's Fair has been designed that something of a sojourn nature will be at one end of the Fair. "The great amusement sector will transcend everything ever attempted."

A Children's Fair of over 5 acres is included where children from the ages of 5 to 12 may be left with trained attendants. Over 62 nations of the world have joined in this great gigantic venture, which has taken at its theme: "The World of Tomorrow."

Nothing like it has ever been

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Wednesday

More Letters Urged for Bill

WASHINGTON, April 26—Increased letter writing by the voters back home is needed to get Representatives in Congress to sign the discharge petition on the Gavanagh anti-lynching bill, it was announced here this week. The petition at present has a little less than half the required number

Hit-Run Man Still Eludes Police Net

Efforts to locate the driver of a hit-run car that struck Rosta Wilson of 115 Wickliffe Street, Sunday afternoon, April 16, have been futile. Miss Wilson suffered a fractured skull and was immediately removed to the City Hospital. She is still in a serious condition and there is grave doubt of her recovery.

It was learned this week that there is an unidentified eye witness to the accident who is expected to reveal information to the police that may eventually lead to the apprehension of the driver of the hit run car.

Last Minute Briefs

On last Sunday afternoon at the 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church the Honorable H. L. Billups, vice-supreme commander emeritus of the American Woodmen, came from Washington in order to be a guest of the state organization. He congratulated the camps on the progress made in 21 years.

HOUSING SITE ACTION URGED IN THIRD WARD

Move to Gain Approval for Housing Site in Crowded Ward

If the application for approval of three additional low cost housing developments urged by the Newark Housing Authority in a recent communication to Washington are accepted, it is estimated to cost \$1,796,888. In the densely populated Third Ward may be realized, it was announced last week.

Preliminary plans for the Dreamland Park and Branch Brook were approved at the meeting of the authority last week. Negroes are not expected to benefit greatly from the two above projects.

Negroes, who suffer the greatest need for improved housing, are expected to benefit from the Orange and Nesbitt developments, valued at \$2,770,000, and the South and above four sites have already been approved by the local authority.

The plan for a Third Ward site, possibly around Charlton Street, was to be made possible by the United States Housing Authority's decision to reallocate for Newark funds already earmarked for New Jersey municipalities but held up when various towns rejected their proposed housing projects.

In discussing the authority's application to Washington for approval of three additional sites to the present four site program, Charles P. Gillett, chairman, stated that only two, The Ironbridge site and the Third Ward site, be pressed at once. The third is planned for the Orange and Nesbitt section.

Midnight Chat

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Spiritual Tea

A Hostess and Spiritual Tea will be held on Sunday, April 30, from 2:30 P.M. until 4 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, 163 West Kinney Street, Newark, second floor, under the auspices of the Johnson Jubilee Chorus, Rev. F. Speights of New York City, has been secured to read for the program.

The Hostess for the occasion will be Mrs. A. Bass, Mesdames Thelma Walker, Mary Harrington, Ethel Walker and Master Louis West, Jr.

The Entertainment Committee is composed of Mrs. W. E. Johnson, president; Miss T. Walker, secretary; and Mrs. A. Moore, chairman. Adv.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

ONE OF THE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE CITY

Above is shown part of Miss Violet Whipple's Sunday School class which numbers well over 350 pupils. One of the reasons the church has made such steady progress in nearly three quarters of a century is the training it instills in its youngest membership. Many of the pupils pictured here are members of some of Newark's most outstanding citizens. They are attending class on last Sunday. This group is the pride of the church.

YOUTH FELLED BY GAS FUMES

TRENTON, April 26—John Littleman, 15, and his sister, Margaret, 18, were found unconscious in their bedrooms by a relative who visited their home 123 Kosuth Street, Sunday. Police were summoned and an ambulance and two radio cars with an inhalator resuscitated the girl.

After administering first aid and the two were revived they were taken to McKimley Hospital in the ambulance. After treatment they were permitted to return to their home.

Coal gas fumes were responsible for the near death of the victims.

Midnight Chat

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lations with a third party. Vanderveer was gravely concerned and puzzled upon receiving a letter dated April (Princeton) 17, 1939 wherein his wife wanted to make amends.

The letter in part said: "Dear Charles: I hope that I will not do anything else to hurt you and all that I can say is that I just realized what I have done to you. I hope some day I will be able to make you happy again. I would like to come back to you but I'm afraid that I've made such a mess of things that I will never be able to straighten them out so I'm writing to ask you to forgive me." Upon conclusion the letter was signed: "Thank you from your wife Ruth Vanderveer."

Miss Whipple Speaks At The 13th Ave. Adult Eve. School

Miss Caroline A. Whipple, prominent educator, was the principal speaker at the Adult Education Evening School Program at 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church here Monday evening.

Miss Whipple, who was introduced to the audience by Mr. Benjamin E. Seldon, State Supervisor of Negro Adult Education in New Jersey, gave a very interesting and informative address on the "Significance, Scope and Objectives of the Adult Education Program."

Miss Whipple is editor of the National Adult Education Bulletin, is an author and an outstanding educator of note.

A response was made to her stirring address by the Assistant State Supervisor of Negro Adult Education in New Jersey, Mrs. Mable Robinson.

William Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the historic Old First Church, made the closing remarks, after which he presented to Mrs. Violette Blake, supervising teacher a sonnet for the school which he composed, entitled "Never too late to learn."

Miss Bernice Maxwell and Mrs. Wynn were the soloists on the program. This is a third of the series of successful Educational and Cultural Programs sponsored by the 13th Avenue Presbyterian Adult Education Evening School Center.

Carpenters

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subjected, she became nervous and ill and her life was rendered one of utter wretchedness and misery and she was rendered unfit to discharge her duties as the wife of the petitioner." She claimed that she was requested to leave home and on several occasions she was threatened with physical harm if she did not do so.

She denied living at 10 Vine Street, Bloomfield as was alleged in her husband's petition but that she resided at 48 Central Avenue, Madison, N. J.

Mrs. Carpenter asked a dissolution of the marriage on the ground of adultery and named a prominent woman of Jersey City with whom Dr. Carpenter had been intimate.

The case has been widely discussed in North Jersey and New York social circles and many prominent persons are expected to clamor for an opportunity to hear the trial.

Mrs. Carpenter will be represented by Attorney Charles Carter and a barrage of eminent counsel while Attorney Louis E. Saunders will represent Dr. Carpenter.

CLEANING SHOP OWNED BY YOUNG MAN, IS IDEAL
One of the outstanding cleaning and dyeing establishments in Newark is the New Method Cleaning and Dyeing Company, located at 176 Somerset Street. This progressive business is owned and operated by one of the leading young businessmen of the City, Mr. Arelidous Jones.
Mr. Jones is a native of Cuthbert, Ga., and first entered the business while a resident of that City. He is ably assisted by his charming wife who specializes in women's apparel.

ORANGE CHEF AT WORLD FAIR

NEW YORK World's Fair Ground, April 26—Luther Wagner, famous chef of Orange, New Jersey, has been booked at the Midway Inn of the Marine Center at the New York World's Fair, as chef cook and steward.

Mr. Wagner heads the only all-Negro staff at the Fair. He has employed a staff of over 25 members of the race at the Inn. The Midway is a large and beautifully decorated rendezvous with a 150 foot circle bar.

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Lawyers Defending Street Slayer Net \$1600 Fees

PATERSON—Four lawyers defending Negroes for murder were awarded a total of \$1,600 in fees by Judge Delany here this week.

Theodore D. Rosenberg and Ralph D. Davis were allowed \$400 each, plus \$70 expenses for defending Raymond James Alexander of Newark in the fatal stabbing of William Streets, in a Bridge Street tavern on Jan. 3.

The same fees were awarded to Hugh C. Sporn and Louis J. Bohl who defended William Hicks in the same case. Hicks pleaded non vult and was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

Webb was found by police to have a long police record and having served time in prison in two states for larceny and assault and battery. He gave his age as 41, but police say he is nearer 60.

He was first arrested in 1904 for breaking, larceny and receiving. Again he ran into the toils of law in 1909 when he was sentenced to seven years for assault and battery with attempt to kill. He was sentenced to 3-9 years nine years later for the same offense.

The next year he was sentenced to 1 1/4 years for assault and battery. He was arrested again in 1920 and in 1924. In 1925 he was sentenced to 4-7 years for disorderly conduct. He got another two years also in 1938 for a minor offense and served time in Essex County jail in 1936.

Immediately upon coming out he was again sentenced in 1938 and when released was arraigned for the murder of his wife Tuesday.

Mrs. Webb's relatives, a mother and a sister said to be living in Orange, are sought by the police. Webb and the slain woman have been man and wife since she was 14.

When arraigned before Judge Blasco in the Fourth Precinct Monday morning he was held without bail on two charges of second degree murder.

Police are anxious for parents of other victims to come forth and have their children view the find. Captain Lacey and his detectives are receiving the plaudits of parents for removing this menace to their children's safety from society.

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Killed By Train

ROSELING, April 26—Joshua Cobb, 40, of Burlington was killed instantly here when he was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train Sunday. The circumstances surrounding his death were unknown and an investigation is expected to be made.

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Morgan Registrar Speaks To Alumni

MONTCLAIR, April 26—The members of the New Jersey Morgan College Alumni had as their guest speaker at their last meeting, Mr. Edward N. Wilson, registrar of Morgan College. The meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Fannie Dunbar, 40 Irving Street, was well attended.

Mr. Wilson's talk was very interesting and inspiring. He gave a brief resume of the record of Morgan College since its founding in 1862. During all the first and second centennial celebrations, the members enjoyed an elaborate reception, which was prepared by one of their guests. Mr. Wilson proposed of conditions for the made an honorary member of the transfer of Morgan College to a club.

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at Major's Green Grove or
Thursday nite . . . Alfred Teddy
Wilson, Gremo and his Matawaw
and the Raritan A. C. P. W.
Managers, Paul Holmes, and Farnham
dagee, made their initial debut at
the affair and swung in the
groove' in fine style for beginn-
ing. . . . Spotted: Ethel Janda
turning; turner; turner; turner;
of Taylor, Olive Suydam, Louise
McCauley, Annie Laurie, Olga Law-
rence, Edward Baird, Mose Law-
rence, Ruth Pitman, Johnny Harri-
son, Ed Lincoln, Clyde Gar-
ner, Haskell Thomas,
Freacher Frank, Madeline Wilson,
who had a fine time in Easton-ton
in said case, and others. . . . Lincoln
colored Democratic Club in Port-

June Session when the Jolly Jugglers invaded with Yoland and his four scores ... Up at Tyler's ... were as usual swinging strictly to the 'Groove' ... A bit of praise ... and success is in the air for the Junior Matrons of the ... Bank for their mighty ... use the showbrosy Avenue ... M. E. K. ... The Haritan A. C.'s have ... workout at the Keyport High ... Mawatawin this Sunday for their ... initial practice encounter—With so ... the wall and will have to come ... through in grand style to win a ... there's every reason to believe ... that a topnotch team will result ... Mayor Major Jr. at the helm. ... Maybe Hank Lawson doesn't know ... but he's putting his hands right ... Holmes especially will Shemo hold ... all Aoe's and Trumps ... Gosh ... in Ashbury Park on Friday ... a bite

Thompson, of Paterson; Miss
Johnson and Maxine Han-
son, of New York; Miss
Moten and Paul Hawkins, of
Rutherford; Floyd Templeton and
worth Falge, of Hackensack;
Misses Mary and Edna, of
and Allen B. Bearman, Arthur
Peterson and Robert March,
Montclair; Misses Beatrice
and Edna, of Jersey City;
Pearl Baker, and Augustus S.
field and Theodore R. Moore,
Orange; Misses Loretta Har-
mon and Edna, of Newark;
Lester and Eddie Urring, of
Orange; Miss Irene Kelly,
Knight and Robert Peacock,
of Jersey City; Miss Young,
Bloomfield; Miss Gertrude
ington, and Charlie Wash-
ing of Englewood; Miss Miriam
C. Nutley; Pete Wells and
Smith, of Newark; and Ed-
J. Bolden, of Newark.

On last Tuesday evening H.
Garrison entertained the Ju-
vénile Club at the residence of
Miss (Cora) Garrison.

Elizabeth

The Negro Adult Education classes sponsored an educational-musical program and exhibit at the Church of God, 130 Fifth st., last Sunday. Each class was represented on the program.

The Hygiene class was represented by Miss H. Holt, talk; and Mrs. B. Morrison, reading on TB history class by Mrs. Lina Morrison, a paper on the Negro in America. Applied Art class by Mrs. Theresa Gaddy, solo.

The Prent Education Class awarded first prize in the Better Homes Contest to Mrs. Bamberg Miss Catherine Hayes of the Literacy Class gave a talk on the need of education.

Other participants on the program included Samuel Harvare and Miss Helen Hayes, vocal duet; George Morrison, guitar solo; and Miss Mary Dupré and Jose Gadsden, vocal duet.

The Modern Housewives of Elizabeth will sponsor a card party at the Y.M.C.A. 131 E. Jersey

street on April 29th at 8:30.

Hackensack

by HERBERT BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Templeton have returned to their home in Baltimore after a brief visit with their mother, Mrs. F. Templeton

who has been ill at the Hackensack Hospital, and returned to her home on last Thursday.

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SPORTS

FAST WITH KANSAS CITY

In the Groove . . .

By BUTTS BROWN

Money—The Root of All Evil

This scribe was bitterly assailed the other week by an owner in the Negro National League for writing, in this column, that Ray Dandridge was right in going to South America where he could make more money playing ball. So sincere and straightforward was the criticism until I began to question my judgment in writing those lines. At least, a feeling of doubt was created by the eloquence and persistent attack of my critic.

Here was a person who was without doubt sincere and vitally concerned about organized Negro baseball. Probably the press should line up with the owners and help preserve for the colored public, organized Negro baseball—methinks.

This scribe has been on the side of the ball players because in most instances the attitude and acts of the owners have been purely concerned with money. The booking of games, violation of rules and every other type of infringement has resulted from some owner being more concerned about the immediate financial return than he was about the future of the game.

Methinks—if the owners are motivated purely by the money considerations in their every move—why shouldn't the players do likewise? Dandridge was only doing what I have seen owners do when they throw rules and regulations out of the window in order to get the most money.

Here are a few classic examples:

In 1934 when the league was first organized with Gus Greenlee as chairman he sent South and brought up the Florida Stars and the Birmingham Black Barons and booked them in every good white park in the East. In the meantime the Newark Eagles, a member of the league, could not get a booking and remained idle most of the week. The Barons and Florida Stars were signed by Greenlee and paid a reported sum of \$600 per week flat.

Both of these teams played at Paterson and Bushwick where they received guarantees of \$400 and \$600 respectively. The Dodgers were unable to get a game in either park.

In 1935 the Dodgers and Brooklyn Eagles were booked to play a league game on a Saturday afternoon at Orlan Field. The league had a rule that no league team could play within a radius of 10 miles of another member.

That same Saturday the Philadelphia Stars played East Orange and the Dodge-Eagle game was postponed from the afternoon to twilight. East Orange drew about 2500 people while about 300 saw the colored league game.

That year Greenlee took all of the best players from the various teams and sent them out to Denver to the baseball tournament. The players who were not selected for the tour were not weakened were forced to play other clubs that were not in the public were the suckers.

Take the case of the East-West game where the players only get a trip to Chicago and a few free meals while the owners get all of the proceeds.

This game corresponds to the All-Star game that is an annual feature in the major leagues. A percentage of the funds of this game goes to a fund for aged and dependent ball players. The East-West game makes no allowances for the players whatsoever and this scribe for one don't think it's right.

The players make the game and they should share in some of the benefits—that's my opinion and I'll stand by it.

The above are just a few instances of the failure of the owners to act in the best interests of organized Negro baseball. But the classic example is about to follow.

In the Pittsburgh Courier of April 22 Cum Posey wrote the following paragraphs in his column captioned POSEY'S POINTS:

"The Grays have been offered a series of games at Butte, Mont. If they convince the schedule makers to leave them off the N.N.L. schedule for ten days they will take this trip through Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota to Montana as the Homestead Grays have never played in the Northwest and the offers are so large they don't seem possible in these days of 'catch as catch can'."

Here is the owner of the league champions asking to withdraw his team from league competition for ten days so as to make a cleanup out West. Imagine the Yankees making such a request—you imagine it, I can't.

Negro baseball has a future if the owners are willing to stick to sound, sensible business practices. But to permit temporary big money returns to interrupt the smooth working of an organization is certainly not good business.

This scribe cannot see any difference in Satchell Paige, Ray Dandridge, "Cool Papa" Bell and others taking a leave of absence from their teams in order to get the big salaries in Mexico and South America and Cum Posey getting a leave of absence from the Homestead Grays from the league schedule so that he can clean up the big guarantees in the West.

It seems that money is primarily the root of all evil in organized Negro baseball.

Three Stars Are Born



JAMES BROWN, WILLIE HERBERT, FREDDY WILSON. Three new sensations of the Newark Eagles who will be seen in action here on May 14. Brown and Herbert are pitchers and Wilson is the slugging outfielder.

New Players Strengthen 1939 Newark Eagles Team

Anticipation here is running high with anxious fans waiting for the first glimpse of the 1939 edition of the Newark Eagles, New Jersey's only entry in the Negro National League. The team opens here against the Philadelphia Stars May 7 in Ruppert Stadium.

For the first time in three years local fans will have an opportunity to view a comparatively new combination. There are several new pitchers, a new outfielder, a re-

FLASH! The opening game of the Newark Eagles will be played on Sunday May 14 instead of May 7 as was originally announced. This change was made as a result of revamping the schedule because of the admission of the Cuban Stars and the Toledo team.

and then moved on to Birmingham, Macon and Griffith. The Eagles mound staff has two new men who will probably take the No. 1 and No. 2 spots on the hill and move Bob Evans, veteran speed ball hurler, into third place at least that's what is predicted.

James Hill, the Lakeland High School (Fla.) tosser, who pitched batting practice every Spring for the Detroit Tigers is one of the promising prospects. Tops in camp at Daytona Beach, Fla. was Wilbur "Burrhead" Hubert, who pitched with the Ethiopian Clowns in Miami last year. He will probably be the leading twirler this season.

Butter—that's what he is called at camp, for practically everyone has forgotten his last name—is a consistent pitcher. Dick Lundy says he's one of the best he has ever seen. Other hurlers include Leon Day and Johnnie Wright.

Johnnie Hayes and Joe Brown have been doing the receiving for the Eagles hurlers. Both have shown comparatively well at the plate during the training period.

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ROSCOE LOSES MATCH TO OSSIE

SIDNEY, Australia, April 28—Roscoe Manning, Nutley middleweight, writes from Sydney, Australia the result of his battles there. Roscoe just lost a bout to Ossie Stewart on a technical knee when the fight was stopped in the 9th round because of an injury to Roscoe's eye.

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Erratic Pitcher Stirred Diamond Circles Last Season By Failing to Report to the Newark Eagles Baseball Team

CHICAGO, Ill.—Norman Reisman in his column "RECORD-ings" in the April 24 issue of the Daily Record wrote the following:

"Satchell Paige, the great Negro pitcher recently signed by the Kansas City Monarchs, will have as pilot John Wilkinson, who has handled more Negro baseball stars than any man alive."

If this story is true it will throw a bombshell into Negro baseball and may mean the beginning of a player's war between the two leagues. The Monarchs hold membership in the American league.

Satchell Paige was sold to the Newark Eagles by the Pittsburgh Crawfords last year under an agreement that the money for his purchase would be paid Gus Greenlee when the star reported to Newark. Instead of coming to the Eagles Paige went to South America.

He was later barred by the league but whether his expulsion was effective in the American league never came up for discussion.

If the Monarchs signed Paige then they failed to recognize the ruling of the National league and regarded the expulsion as an act making the great hurler a free agent.

Mrs. Effa Manley was unable to be reached for a statement before going to press.

LOUIS-ROPER FIGHT MAY BE INVESTIGATED

Proposal in California Assembly to Probe Fixed Fights

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 26—The Joe Louis-Jack Roper fight may be investigated by a committee of the Assembly that is probing reports of fixed fights, bribes and payoffs in California.

In speaking of the championship fight, Committee Chairman Chester F. Gannon, said:

"Everyone knows that Louis would knock out Roper, yet the Commission sanctioned such a match and the press played it up. This is one of the reasons the present setup needs investigating."

The Bomber knocked out Roper in 2 minutes and 20 seconds of the first round. Jack put up a gallant battle until he was battered down by a series of vicious rights and lefts thrown by the champion.

PENN RELAYS TO ATTRACT CREAM OF STARS; PEACOCK AND EWELL WILL COMPETE

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LINCOLN EYES HUB CRAWFORD

Hub Crawford, former Nutley High and Morgan College football star may become assistant coach at Lincoln University next fall. It was learned this week from reliable sources. Crawford is one of the greatest all-around athletes ever turned out by Coach Foster of Nutley High and is one of the keenest students of football in the country.

Matriculating at Morgan College, Hub immediately became a member of one of Coach Hurst's greatest teams and was a star in his first year. A fine defense player and probably one of the best forward pass receivers the game has seen, Crawford was an All-American for two years at the Baltimore Colts.

Crawford would be a valuable man to assist Coach Rivo in building a championship team at Lincoln. Fully versed in all phases of the play he could turn out a forward wall that would be hard to penetrate.

Having played four years against teams in the CIAA he knows their style of play and would be familiar with the opposition. Being a former Morgan player he would be better prepared than any other person to train his charges to cope with the cunning of the Bear's forward wall.

Trenton Combine Has New Fighter

TRENTON—Joe Brown and Bennie Cannon sent word from Florida this week that they have uncovered a new lightweight sensation in the person of "Peanuts" of Leesburg.

The new Roxborough-Black combine of this City reports that their miniature Joe is now 375 lbs. fights winning 273 kayoes, 2 draws, 35 decisions and 2 defeats since 1928.

Peanuts is anxious to come North and show his ability against the best in this section. Brown and Cannon expect to bring their latest "find" here sometime during the month of May.

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